Surrey Gypsy Traveller Communities Forum

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Treasurer’s report 2015/2016

**Headlines**

* Started the financial year with £17, 558 in the bank
* Ended the year with £7,707
* At this point in time, we now have £25,432 in the bank

**Main sources of money that came into the account**

* £2750 from South East Coast Ambulance Service for equalities training. This training is done by the joint Chairs of the Forum and it is a valuable source of income for us. The Ambulance service has renewed its contract with us for this year which is welcomed and an indication of the quality of training given.
* A small amount, but nevertheless noteworthy, is the £115 which was collected from individuals at Leatherhead theatre in May following a well attended and moving documentary about ‘ A people uncounted’, in which survivors tell the relatively untold story of the Roma Holocaust.

**Main sources of money that came out of the account;**

* We had been awarded £11,885 from the European Social Fund for a literacy project running in 2014/2015, but we only spent £7, 528 so we had to return £4,356.
* East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services were paid £2,250 for services delivered in the previous financial year.
* We employed a qualified accountant to audit our accounts for the past 3 years at a cost of £980
* We spent £745 on planning consultancy which included writing to the Minister of Planning and housing, objecting to and (in some instances) supporting local plans and undertaking research for the Surrey Gypsy and Traveller Forum accommodation sub group.
* We spent £295 for the hall hire and the purchase of viewing rights for the film ‘A people uncounted’
* In addition we spent just over £20 a week on administration.

**This year**

Our biggest source of income this year has come from the People's Health Trust following a successful bid for funds by our Vice Chair, Mark Haythorne. We have been awarded 50K grant for a 2 year community development project: 'GRT Voice', £15,000 of which has already been paid. I’m sure we will hear more about that later in the meeting.